

Dear Chairman Powell:

My name is Ben Luria. I am 14 years old and I have had a long-term interest in history and politics and am particularly interested in public policy.

An issue about which I'm greatly concerned is the decision that the FCC will make on June 2 regarding whether to eliminate the remaining restrictions on the number of broadcast and publishing companies that conglomerates can own. I ardently believe that it is extremely dangerous for a very few companies to control almost all of the mass media. My fear is that as a result of the conglomerates' huge control of the media, there would be little chance that stories that they found threatening to their financial interests would be able to reach the public.

I strongly urge that the FCC votes against eliminating the existing restrictions on how much of the media each individual company can own. There are better things for my generation to spend their time on than correcting the mistakes I believe will result from a "Yes" vote.

Sincerely,

Ben Luria